

# Lac la Biche Herald

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## LAC LA BICHE NEWS NOTES

Coast Thachuk, from Prince George visited here enroute to McRae where he spent New Years with his parents. He is employed with the Diamond Drilling at Prince George. When he left there it was raining, when he arrived here it was nine below with ten inches of snow on the Lake and more in the bush.

Mrs. Cadzow from Edmonton, spent the holidays with her son, Dr. Cadzow and family.

Albert Jones spent his holidays with his parents, E. A. Jones, and friends. He has been employed with C. W. Carry as welder for the past year.

Al Zerinnman from Edmonton spent Christmas here with friends.

Daniel and Ernest Beaudry and Arthur Baglot, spent Christmas with friends and relatives. They are employed with Seismograph Service Corporation, at Clear Hills. They report the mercury dropped to 54 below on December 16 with very little snow.

Mr. George Blair went to Edmonton last week to get his son Donald who is attending University.

Jerry Sykes, from Edmonton was home for the holidays to visit his parents. He is employed in Edmonton with C.F.R.N.

Ernest Laboucane and Steve Ewanchuk each driving a truck, had a head on collision. Neither driver was hurt, and only the truck bumpers were damaged.

Leo Menard came from 105 miles north-east of Peace River where he has been employed with the Western Geophysical Co. as a mechanic. They have twenty-five men employed with Joe Barthelemy as manager. He has his office in Peace River. He was here two years ago with the same company. Leo reports the mercury dropped to 54 below and then went up to 48 below where it remained for several days. He will visit the Moden Brothers at Vancouver before returning to his work at the oil well.

Mrs. Cook of Fort St. John has been confined to her bed for the past four months. She has been

in Edmonton in the hospital for the past two weeks. The two children are in school, Little Elizabeth is attending kindergarten and Claudie is in grade school. Mr. Cook was manager of the Hudson's Bay Company here for four years before being transferred to Fort St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lebeuf visited relatives and friends here at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joncas, and two daughters from Edmonton, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mrs. Romeo Coutney went to Rocky Mountain House for Christmas to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Stelfox.

Johnnie Varze from Edmonton came to visit his brothers Vincent and Tony for the holidays.

Johnnie Morie from Andrew visited friends here for Christmas.

Mr. Percy Shaw spent Christmas with his son Allen and family. Donald Fregin went to Athabasca to spend Christmas with his sister and family Mrs. Allen Shaw.

Herbert Erickson from Goose Lake, made a short visit here with friends.

Mrs. Annie Bergium from Goose Lake spent a week here with blood poison in her hand caused from a siver.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lett from Wembley spent the holidays with Glen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Romaniuk spent Christmas at Radway with Bernard's father.

Miss Gene Diatel from Grassland spent Christmas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Romaniuk.

## Weather Report

Following are the high and low temperatures for the week of December 22nd to 28th, 1951.

| Date                | Max.  | Min.  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Jan. 22             | -2.8  | -31.6 |
| " 23                | -11.9 | -2.6  |
| " 24                | -13.9 | -6.7  |
| " 25                | -7.2  | -11.6 |
| " 26                | -7.3  | -18.1 |
| " 27                | 4.2   | -12.3 |
| " 28                | 23.9  | -8.7  |
| Precipitation, 0.2. |       |       |

## Northern Alberta Pioneer Passes

GRASSLAND—Another Northern Alberta pioneer has passed on. Mrs. William Nykolyn died in Lac la Biche hospital on Dec. 30, 1951. Mrs. Nykolyn came with her husband to Sarraill in 1915, and there she lived until her death on Sunday.

Mrs. Nykolyn was born in Poland December 1890. Arriving in Canada in May 1913, she married William Nykolyn on October 28, 1914, and started homesteading at Sarraill the next year.

She leaves to mourn her loss her loving husband, two sons Paul of Sarraill and Peter of Waskatenau. Also two daughters, Mrs. Annie Chameczuk of Sarraill and Mrs. Mary Semeniuk of Grassland, and 11 grandchildren.

A Prayer Service was held at the house on Tuesday, Jan. 1, and the funeral took place next day with Rev. Fr. Wasylin of Radway and Rev. Fr. Synyshyn of Edmonton officiating.

By the express wish of the deceased, the funeral cortege proceeded on foot from the house to the nearby church. Pall bearers were Pete Nykolyn, Metro Semeniuk, Paul Nykolyn, Steve Chameczuk, Mike Chameczuk and Willie Chameczuk.

Floral tributes were received from Loving Husband, Mr. and Mrs. Petr Nykolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nykolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Medwid, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chameczuk, Mr. and Mrs. Ustina, Mr. and Mrs. Kopin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chameczuk, Mr. and Mrs. Metro Semeniuk and the eleven grandchildren.

## Junior WI Christmas Party

LAC LA BICHE — The Lac La Biche Junior W.I. held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. L. Badry on December 14. The girls entertained their mothers, leaders and Mrs. T. Lett, president of the W.I.

A program comprised of recitations, songs and dances provided the entertainment. Everyone participated in the carol singing led by Gail Hayduk.

A pleasant half-hour was spent in the exchange of gifts. Lunch was served by the girls.

## AGT SAYS LAC LA BICHE NOT READY FOR 24-HOUR SERVICE

Following publication of an article in a recent issue of the Lac la Biche Herald, Thos. Spalding, general commercial superintendent, says that increasing the number of phone subscribers to 100 will not get 24-hour service for the town. Mr. Spalding says that the number of telephones in a town is not the rule followed in establishing 24-hour service.

In a letter to Mr. Pue, publisher of the Lac la Biche Herald, Mr. Spalding pointed out that "revenue is the main factor" and a "monthly return of \$900 is needed to supply continuous service".

Mr. Spalding goes on to say: "Operating a continuous service office today and complying with the Provincial Minimum Wage Act and Hours of Work Act costs not less than \$300 a month and probably \$350 for wages alone,

and we believe that we cannot allocate much more than 30 to 33 per cent of revenue for this purpose, hence the reason for a monthly revenue requirement of \$900.

"Some towns, due to geographical location, industry, etc., create larger revenue from fewer telephones, so that from this you will readily see that the number of telephones, while it is a factor, is not the determining one."

In a letter, sent in reply to Mr. Spalding, Mr. Pue pointed out there were some Alberta towns with a mere fraction of the population of Lac la Biche with 24-hour continuous service. He suggested that if a selling job were done by the Alberta Government Telephones, sufficient additional subscribers could be added to raise revenue to the point where 24-hour service would be possible.

## Sawmills Again In Operation

IMPERIAL MILLS — With the holidays a thing of the past, the saw mills here are gradually getting back into the swing and the lumber trucks are on the trail bringing lumber into the siding. After the extensive cold wave before and over the holidays, the current mild spell is welcomed by all the men here.

The planer mill at the siding is still on day shift only but the night shift is expected to start soon.

## Man Injured With Falling Lumber

IMPERIAL MILLS—Mr. Alan Martin of the Campbell and Petrie Mill, suffered undetermined injuries to his head and shoulders when a tier of lumber fell on him from his truck. No report on the extent of his injuries has been received but he is still detained in the hospital at Lac la Biche. Mr. Martin, who has been hauling lumber from the sawmill for the past few winters is well known at the Siding and everyone hopes his injuries aren't too serious and he will be back on the job soon.

## GRASSLAND NEWS BRIEFS

Visitors to Grassland over the week-end included Mr. Dave Semenchuk of Camrose, together with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Semenchuk. Also Mrs. Mayorchuk and her daughter Lucy from Edmonton. Eddie is looking for a location for a cattle ranch somewhere in the district.

Mr. Sam McKenzie was taken ill at Christmas time while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lucille Melnyk, in Edmonton and is now in the General hospital.

New Year's Eve dance at Grassland Community League was quite a success. A large crowd saw the New Year in, to the tuneful melodies of Ted's orchestra.

## "Convicted" by Howling Red Mob in China



Sister Ste. Alphonse du Redempteur

Sister Ste. Marie Germaine

Sister Ste. Germaine

Sister Ste. Foy

Sister Ste. Victoire

THOUSANDS of devout Catholics living in Alberta are concerned about the eventual fate of five Sisters of the Immaculate Conception order. With 6,000 enraged spectators shouting judgment, a Red Chinese People's Court in the capital of Kwantung Province recently sentenced two nuns to five years' imprisonment and expulsion from the country at the end of their terms. Two others

were expelled for life and the fifth to simple expulsion. The five Sisters were convicted of the murder of children in orphanages they operated in China, but in defense of their work it was stated that children who were diseased and dying of starvation were placed in their hands. Not all these children survived, hence the trumped-up charges of infanticide.

## AURORA THEATRE

Lac la Biche Alberta

PRESENTS

WED. & THURS. Jan. 9-10—  
"LORNA DOONE"

In technicolor. Starring Barbara Hale, Richard Green. Time, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, Jan. 11—  
"GENE AUTRY AND THE MOUNTIES"

Gene Autry and his wonder horse Champion. Time, 2:30 and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 12—  
"OCEAN DRIVE"

A genuine suspense thriller.

MON. & TUES. Jan. 14-15—  
"Bedtime For Bonzo"  
Time 8:30 p.m.



## EDITORIALS

### Fast Growing Province

Alberta ended the old year, 1951, with a faster growth than that of any other prairie province. This is a gratifying fact revealed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. It is an indication that the future growth of this province will be progressively greater, owing to the increased industrial developments to follow the discovery of more and more oil deposits, and the consequent increase of other industries.

In former census years Alberta has always been behind the larger province of Saskatchewan, but the vaster natural resources of this province have now swept us into the lead with a population of 936,556 as compared to 796,169 ten years ago.

The change in population brings some changes in the representation of the West in the federal parliament, though in Alberta's case the increase is not yet sufficient to give us more seats in parliament. Alberta will still have 17 seats, but Saskatchewan will lose four seats, reducing its total to 16. Manitoba's population still trails the other two prairie provinces with a total of 771,815, an increase of 42,071, but drops one seat in parliament to a total of 10.

Thus Alberta takes the premier place on the prairies both in population and representation in parliament.

### Now! Yellowhead Pass Highway?

The progress made in negotiations and plans for laying an \$82,000,000 pipeline from Edmonton to Vancouver may stir up the lukewarm interest of the provincial government in the Yellowhead Pass route for the trans-Canada highway. At least the new development should convince Premier Manning that aside from political considerations the route is the logical, most practical and cheapest one for the highway to follow.

The Trans-Canada Highway System (Yellowhead Route) Association is planning to put pressure on the government and the general public to change the plans, half-heartedly supported by the Social Credit Cabinet, and map the highway through Edmonton instead of Calgary. This route was selected by the C.N.R. for its main line to the Coast, and is now the route chosen by the Trans-Mountain Pipeline company, which should be a factor in convincing the government and all public bodies that this route presents the most feasible route.

It is true that up to now the thickest portion of population is in the south, with the exception of Edmonton city, and this fact, doubtless, was an argument favorable to selection of the Calgary route, but this situation is rapidly changing because of the oil discoveries in the north and other factors, and any government with half an eye to the future welfare and prosperity of the province as a whole would find the facts so important and convincing that they could not be denied. It may be that today there are more votes in the south than the north, but that is changing. Premier Manning and his advisers would show statesmanship and leadership of higher quality if action at government level is taken at once to rectify the plans for the highway and thus secure greater prosperity for all Albertans.

### Result — No Honeymoon

MEDELLIN, Colombia — In this South American town, a bride-to-be was entertaining guests on the eve of her wedding recently, when a masked gunman entered the house unseen by guests and forced the girl into her bedroom, where he robbed her of a large sum of money hidden in a bureau drawer. The girl pleaded with the robber to leave via the garage, so as not to cause a scandal if guests saw him stealthily sneaking out of her bedroom. The gunman agreed and went through a door she opened. It led to another room instead of to the garage. The girl locked the door and summoned guests, who ripped the mask from the trapped intruder. The gunman was the bridegroom-to-be.

Most people devote too much of their time to non-essentials.

### Eternal Rise In Cost of Living

By T. W. PUE

Probably one thing Canadians want in 1952, more than anything else, is a reduction in the cost of living. Special federal legislation may very well bring down the cost of living index in a few months, but if it does it will be only a temporary stay in the trend.

Those of us who experienced the ten years of depression from 1929 to 1939 passed through a period that was contrary to the general trend in rising prices and continually increasing cost of living. We must admit, in surveying history from this point, 1952, that commodities and service tend to increase continually in terms of pounds, shillings and pence, or dollars and cents.



T. W. PUE

Nineteen hundred years ago a laborer's pay was one penny a day. Perhaps in old Roman times the penny was created as a unit of exchange simply for the express purpose of representing a day's pay.

Gradually, through the centuries, a penny has been worth less and less. It is only a few years ago that a penny — two cents — would buy a copy of a daily newspaper. Today, newspapers sell at not less than 5c per copy and now in California 10c is the prevailing price of a daily paper on the streets of some cities.

Governments, businesses and individuals must face the fact that never again will our cost of living index return to 100, the 1939 rate. We should adjust ourselves to slow, continual rises of perhaps one or two per cent per year. Every precaution should be taken against quick, sudden changes. If the spiral rises too rapidly, it might flounder and cause a temporary, but disastrous reversal of the procedure.

#### U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BLAME

The biggest headache Governments of the world have to face is the ever-present danger of out-of-hand inflation. To withdraw purchasing power, the government raises taxes. To pay for the extra taxes labor raises its price for work done and manufacturers raise the prices of their products. This causes another swirl in the spiral. Then more taxes are levied to extract more purchasing power and the business goes on and on like a giddy whirlwind.

The centre of the free world's finance is the United States. Every day the American Government pays out millions of dollars, recklessly, like a drunken sailor. Not since the days of Herbert Hoover has there been any honest attempt to reduce taxes and inflation. The U.S. is on a spending spree, so that its Government can always boast of the highest paid soldiers, marines, sailors, politicians, bureaucrats, capitalists and laborers in the world. They bid up the value of commodities in international world trade and continually embarrass other less wealthy countries that also try to buy on world markets.

#### YANKEE PSYCHOLOGY

The experience of the United States Army in building air bases on certain south sea islands during the recent war is typical of American psychology. When the U.S. Army landed there to recruit native laborers they were told the daily rate was 25c. Only a quarter for a full day's work—quite ridiculous, the Army Commandant concluded. The United States is always the biggest, wealthiest and boastingest of any nation. Instead of paying a paltry two bits per day, they would pay \$2.00 per day—and did.

Did the native laborers work harder? Did they say to themselves, "Boy, this is wonderful. We now get 8 days' pay for every day's work. We'll work every day as hard as we can and become wealthy, just like the Americans."

A few did, but the typical native figured it this way: "The Americans pay me as much for one day's work as I used to get for 8 days. When I get my first day's pay I don't have to work for another 7 days."

Result: less work, less production, less real wealth.

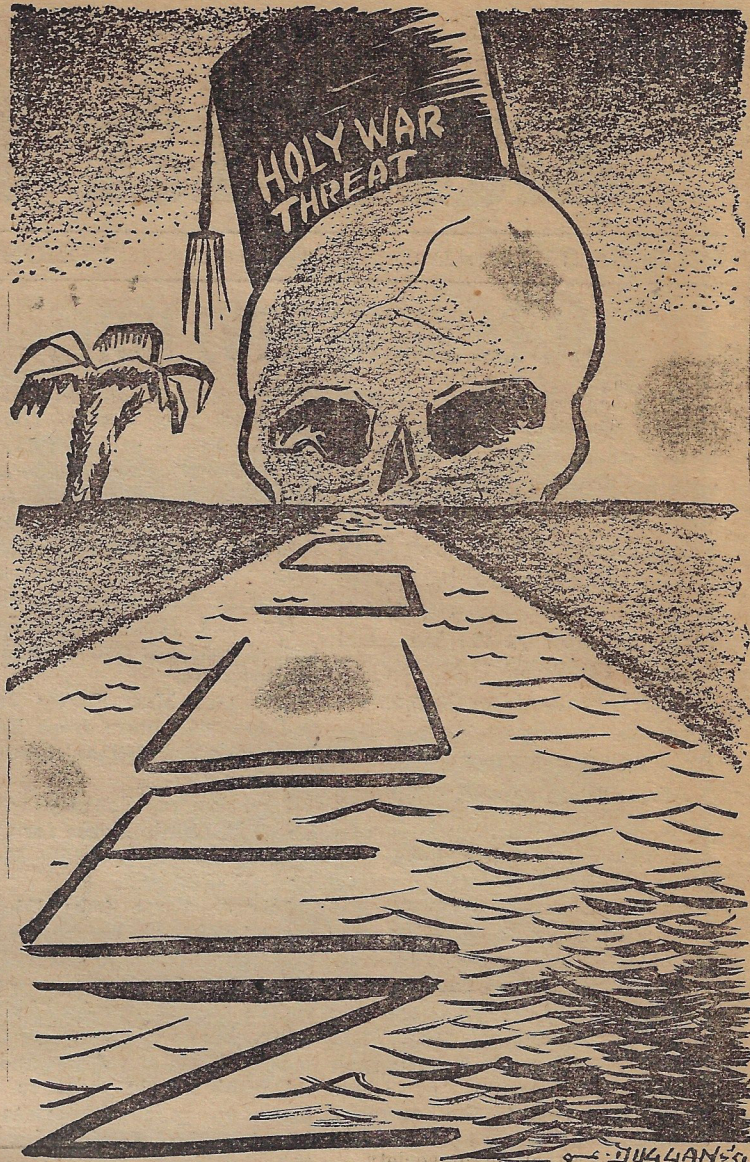
#### CAN WE STOP INFLATION?

No, we can't stop inflation. It is a continual process that has been going on with only short interruptions, such as the depression of the thirties, since the time of Christ. What we have to do is put on the brakes to keep it from going too fast.

Our own Government is using good sense in holding back on non-defence spending, and limiting credit sales and business expansion. They could do more by instituting certain price controls. The United States government, on the other hand, should make some determined effort to cut its non-defence government spending and call a halt to the spending spree that makes it the wealthiest, biggest, most-drunk sailor in the whole community of nations.

### The Bible Today:

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1.



Like a hideous skeleton from the closet of the past, the threat of religious war has broken into violence in the Suez Canal Area. With it, is the added threat of a Moslem versus Christian conflict, and the age-old struggle of east against west.

### Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

#### LIKES NEWS COVERAGE

Dear Sir — Sincere thanks to your local editor, Mrs. Tatum, your staff and yourself for giving news of Lac la Biche United Church such excellent coverage during the past year.

REV. D. A. GREENOUGH.  
Lac la Biche.

#### FROZEN WHEAT WARNING

Dear Sir—Late last winter, I warned of the danger of feeding frozen wheat, to brood sows, etc., as such sows would produce crippled and unthrifty litters. But my warning was not printed, a great pity, as by current press Alberta Department of Agriculture report says that swine crippling is more than usually prevalent now, "due to wet weather". H'm—experience is a hard and very expensive school to learn in, especially with bacon at its present high price. But, it's never too late to learn, and there is going to be a lot of frozen wheat again this year.

TOM L. POULSON.  
Rochford Bridge, Alberta.

#### "POOR LITTLE GIRL"

Dear Sir — We read and approved of your open letter to Princess Elizabeth, but doubt if she'll ever see it. Poor little girl, her life isn't her own. The Royal Family are only servants to do the bidding of the nation. And such strenuous jobs they get to do. They aren't allowed to sign public autographs. Not even our Prime Minister can do that. We saw news pictures of the royal visit to Edmonton. What large crowds there were! With these and your paper coming regularly each week, I feel I'm getting to know your country quite well.

MRS. MARTHA DIXSON.  
Oakvale, Antrim Line,  
Glengormley, Belfast,  
Northern Ireland.

#### AUTHORITY OF BIBLE

Dear Sir—Did S. R. Porter of Edmonton read the Bible before making the statements he did in his letter? He says dozens of men wrote the book in accordance with their own ideas, prejudices and imaginings. The Bible states in John 1, Verse 1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

Many other scriptures attest to the validity of the Bible as the Word of God, and even describes disbelievers such as Mr. Porter "In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

MRS. M. WATSON.  
Morrin, Alta.

#### FROM ALABAMA

Dear Sir—I would greatly appreciate getting a copy of the paper with T. W. Pue's letter to Princess Elizabeth. I heard about it from a friend who had a copy sent on from someone in Saskatchewan. Please don't overlook this.

Birmingham, Ala.

J. J.

#### SEARCH FOR TALENT

Dear Sir—Since the Search for Talent shows are coming back after New Year's, I would like to say to all rural districts, particularly Thorhild, "Shine up your talent and participate!"

After, all, this show comes once a year, and all proceeds go towards crippled children. Furthermore, talent winners are given a chance to be heard over the air and, who knows, by some luck you may be the 1951 talent winner of the year. So come out and show what you really can do. No one is a loser. All are winners.

Thank you.

CAROLINE OLCHOWY.  
Opal, Alberta.



## Spotlight on ...

# ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People

Week ending Jan. 12, 1952

## Twenty-Five Agricultural Groups Unite; Replace Class "C" Fair Association

Alberta's Class "C" Fair Association is no more. It is now the Alberta Agricultural Societies, with a new office and a new constitution in the making.

Last month official delegates from agricultural societies from all sections of Alberta met in the parliament buildings in Edmonton to consider how best to make their work more effective. Twenty-five were present, representing societies from as far south as Lethbridge, and from as far north as the Peace River.

These societies carry on a tremendously varied number of projects; from field days and tillage matches, through fairs and shows of various kinds, down to junior club work. Only 15 class "C", or country, fairs were held in the province last year. At one time 140 were held. Society work is now developing into other fields, and being carried right out onto the farms.

Forty-one societies are now actively operating under the Alberta Agricultural Societies' Act. In the words of Charles Parry, manager of the Lethbridge fair: "The time has come for all of us in society work to unite in one congregation to unify our objects and purposes and to work together to attain them. We have much to give one another in association; and by



MACDONALD HOLMES

Newly-appointed executive secretary of the Alberta Agricultural Societies, with offices care of Radio Station CFRN, CPR Building, Edmonton.

working together our work will be felt over the whole province."

The meeting was unanimous in its decision to carry on the former Agricultural Fairs Association under its new name, and with new objectives, and the executive was instructed to draft a constitution outlining these to put the organization on a sound footing.

The executive elected included: President, W. H. Miller, Olds; vice-president, Clyde Stauffer, Evans; and directors Charles Parry, Lethbridge; Edward Reynolds, Wetaskiwin and MacDonald Holmes, Edmonton.

Following the meeting the executive took immediate steps to implement the work, appointing MacDonald Holmes as secretary with offices at Radio Station CFRN, Edmonton, so that the secretarial office would be close to the Alberta Department of Extension which administers the Societies Act.

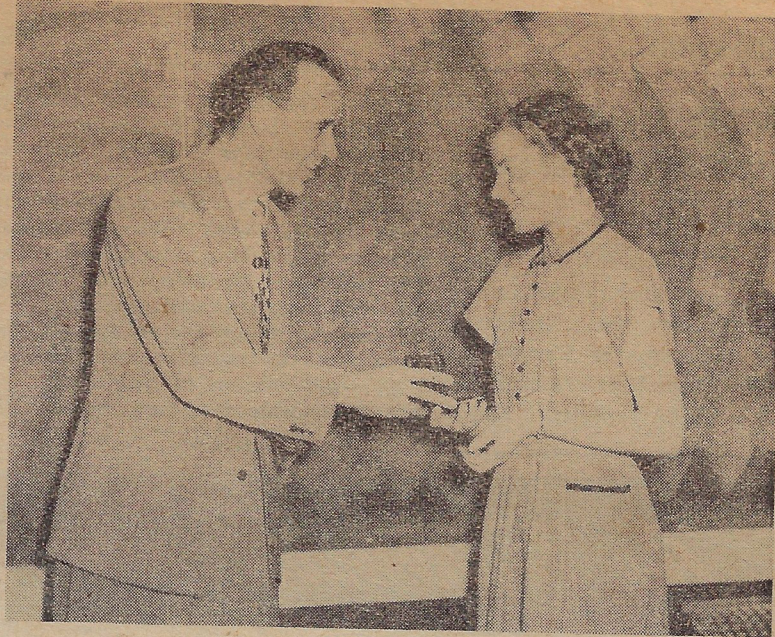
## Engler Coach Ski Team At Banff

Bruno Engler, internationally known skier and mountaineer, has been appointed coach of the University of Alberta ski team, Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, director of physical education at the University of Alberta announced today.

Mr. Engler was born at Lugano, Switzerland, and came to Canada in 1939. He has been a ski instructor and guide at Sunshine Lodge, Mr. Norquay, and several skiing resorts in eastern Canada. He originated the Columbia Icefield summer ski race in 1947, and in 1949 started the Southern Alberta Ski School at Blairmore. He also was the first to organize the Crowsnest Pass Ski Tournament on a large scale and organized this tournament in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

During the Second Great War, Mr. Engler was an instructor in mountain warfare in the Canadian Army and for a time was technical adviser to the famed Lovat Scouts during their training in the Tonquin Valley in Jasper National Park. After the war, he was a ski instructor for the Canadian Army at Banff and Wainwright, holding the rank of lieutenant in the Banff Company of the Calgary Highlanders.

Mr. Engler now lives in Edmonton, where he is employed as a photographer with the provincial government's film and photographic branch. He is married, with two children.



—Photo by Semitone Studio, Boyle, Alta.

AT A RECENT Home and School meeting at Boyle presentation of the Governor-General Medal was made by Mr. Facey, Superintendent of the Athabasca School Division, to Clara Annette Jonson of Boyle for the highest Grade 9 standing in the Lac la Biche and Athabasca School Divisions. Clara Annette Jonson is a pupil of Warren High School at Boyle and the Grade 9 teacher was Miss O. T. Forbes. Besides having the highest marks in the above mentioned School Divisions, Clara's marks were among the highest in the Province of Alberta.

## FARM GRAIN DRYER DESIGNED

A machine designed by agricultural engineers of the Alberta Department of Agriculture and the University of Alberta shows promise of meeting the demand for a practical and economical grain dryer. Tests conducted during the past few days have been encouraging, says C. A. Cheshire, Extension Agricultural Engineer, and it is believed that this machine will help solve the problem of damp grain facing many of the farmers.

Equipment required for this method of grain drying consists of a granary with a false floor, an air

duct, fan, heater and engine. Heated air is drawn by the fan and delivered under pressure to the bottom of the granary.

A mimeograph showing principles and construction of the dryer has been prepared for distribution and is available from District Agriculturists or from the Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Canada's death rate from tuberculosis has fallen 80 percent in the past fifty years. Pay your part in the crusade against this disease by sending that Christmas Seal contribution.

## 110,000 Cars Test Proven

One hundred and ten thousand Alberta vehicles have been tested and have received the official safety stickers, according to a report received from Hon. C. E. Gerhart, provincial secretary.

The new safety program, which went into effect on Jan. 2, requires that all vehicles must be test proven at government approved garages. There are 160,000 cars in the province.

## Delegates To Attend Western Conference

District members of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture who will attend the Western Conference of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Winnipeg on January 15 will be Ben Plumer, Bassano; Karl Kapler, Strome; L. E. Pharis, Magrath; Carl Antonson, Pibroch; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Wainwright and Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Lloydminster.

Resolutions from the annual convention of the A.F.A. held recently in Calgary will be submitted to the provincial cabinet on January 15, according to a report received from President Roy C. Marler.

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## Reception For Sea Cadets In Memorial Jan. 9

LAC LA BICHE — Many people joined in the effort to help send four boys from the Local Sea Cadet Corps to Europe last summer. These boys are back and report a grand experience and it

is hoped that a large crowd may be able to attend a public function in the Memorial Hall on January 9 to hear a report of the trip and to offer congratulations to the corps. Officers from the Sea Cadet League in Edmonton are expected to be present. The group brought much publicity to the town by the European cruise in the summer and the people are anxious to hear from the boys who are very appreciative of the effort made in their behalf by Father McGrane and various organizations. It is expected that this function on January 9 will provide a fine opportunity for all to come together to see what Sea Cadet work in this town signifies.

Keep the date open so that you can attend; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.

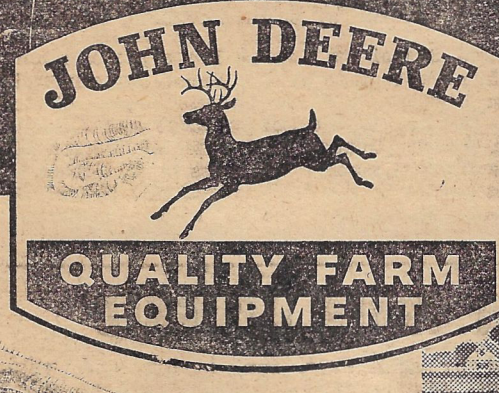
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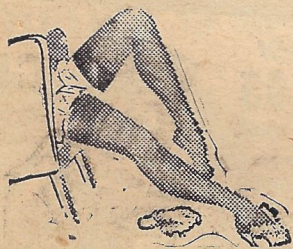
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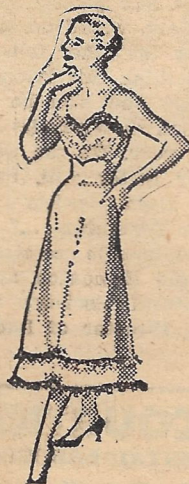


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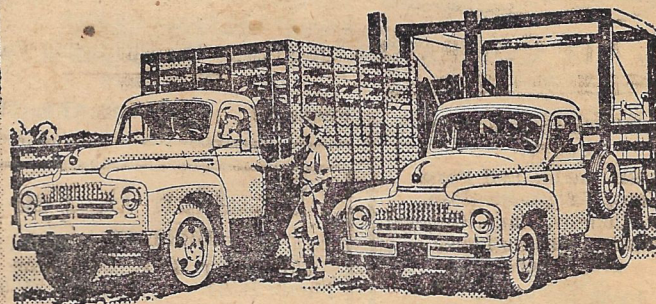
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(1) Lot Five (5), Block C, Plan 5600 U, in the North half of the North West quarter of Section Four (4), Range Fifty-two (52), Township Twenty-four (24), West of the Fourth Meridian—5 acres as described in Certificate Title 10-Q-46.

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Separate tenders are to be submitted for each parcel. Tenders must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, bank draft or money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

Quit claim letters patent will be issued to the successful tenderer. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders are to be forwarded to the undersigned enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for mines and minerals, Lot \_\_\_\_\_".

Tenders will be opened at Ottawa, Ontario, on January 14, 1952, at the close of business.

Chief, Lands Division,  
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Ottawa, November 27, 1951.

## FRAINS NEWS BRIEFS

Neighbors came to welcome the new baby, when Mrs. Kolach and baby returned from Lac la Biche hospital. Mr. and Mrs. D. Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Letwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nahorney, Mr. and Mrs. Kowalyk, Mr. and Mrs. Shyian, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shwetz all were present. The baby was showered with gifts.

On Dec. 20 a wonderful school concert was held at Frains Community Hall.

Mr. Jack Hussyneec has a new International truck.

A supper was served by the Stainless Steel salesman at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nahorney, to which friends were invited. An enjoyable evening was spent with lectures and demonstrations. Mrs. Nahorney was presented with a cutlery set.

Mrs. Kmech has her brother, Joe Krakolowich, visiting with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nahorney and Laurence were away for the Christmas holidays visiting relatives at St. Paul, Elk Point, Beauvallon and Vermilion.

Olive Yurochko went to Edmonton with Mr. Shyian.

John Shyian has a new 1951 Meteor car.

John Pfau had the family for Christmas dinner, and all the married girls came home with their families.

Edna Holowenko, John Pfau were in Edmonton during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kolmatisky were out visiting relatives and friends.

Ann Hrychan is working for Mrs. Dorosh now.

## CRAIGEND NEWS

## BRIEFS

Mr. John Salahub is recovering from his operation in the Lac la Biche hospital.

The Craigend school children welcomed another pupil to their school. He is Ronald Tesolin from Briereville.

John Wowk is now working for Mr. H. Lobay in the Lac la Biche John Deere shop.

Raymond Gervais, who is attending college in Edmonton, was home for the Christmas holidays.

Joe Fedorok is in hospital in Edmonton.

Brownie and Bill Balaban went to Edmonton recently.

Mr. P. Burdeck was in the Lac la Biche hospital for several days.

Mr. Alec Grigorowich has a new Plymouth car. He and his family are planning a trip to Manitoba.

Mrs. Annie Maga, from St. Michael, is visiting her brother, sister-in-law and sister here, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prochinsky and Mrs. Palmer.

A chicken coop and all the chickens, owned by Mr. Walter Prochinsky, burned recently.

Mr. Herman Henning, Kost Tymchshyn and Bill Kacha, from Andrew, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Panchuk, and also went on a business trip to Lac la Biche.

Mr. Palmer was home for Christmas holidays.

Mr. Bill Hancheruk of St. Michael visited Mr. and Mrs. John Salahub recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Happner spent their Christmas holidays in Edmonton.

Mr. Steve Yakoweshen and Alexander Topolnisky, of Wostok, spent their holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Yakoweshen and Mr. and Mrs. S. Panchuk.

## Lamarre-Yackmic Vows Pledged

LAC LA BICHE — A wedding took place in the United Church on December 28th at 2:30 p.m. when Miss Cecile Lamarre became the bride of Johnnie Yackmic, Rev. D. A. Greenough officiating. The bride wore a white satin floor length gown and veil.

Miss Mahy Hocko, in a floor length pink gown and Miss Margarette Dragon in a mauve floor length gown were bridesmaids. The best men were Harry Kosiwich and Lawrence Roberts. Page boy was Larry, nephew of the groom and Anette Lamarre, flower girl, both in white.

Dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents to relatives and immediate friends and a dance followed in the Memorial Hall in the evening. The couple will be at home west of town.

## LAC LA BICHE NEWS BRIEFS

F. J. Shaw went to Vanderhoof, B.C., for the winter.

Mr. H. Alberts had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Burges and Mrs. Burges' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson from Collington.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinman and son Dennis, from Edmonton, visited Mrs. Steinman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coutney.

Adren Vandike and Ron Tellier from Edmonton visited friends here for New Year's.

Mike Ladoucer's house burned to the ground on December 29 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ladoucer just stepped out and when she returned the house was in flames. She took her baby, Branda, out, but was unable to save anything else. They were partly covered by insurance. It was believed it caught from the chimney.

The Legion sponsored their annual novelty dance on New Year's Eve in the Memorial Hall. The

music was supplied by the Venice orchestra.

Jimmy Hamar and wife spent the holidays here with Jimmy's father, Michael Hamar. Jimmy is employed with the Western Geophysical oil crew. They came from Edson and will go to Peace River.

Con. Moisey has a new uniform.

Mrs. C. Mitchel spent two weeks visiting her parents at Lethbridge.

Mrs. F. A. Coutney and two daughters, Angeline and Carol, went to Edmonton, where Miss Angeline will take the plane for Yellowknife Saturday at eight a.m. arriving at Yellowknife at 12:30 p.m. She will visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feniak, her brother George and Uncle and Aunt Boniface Bourque. Mrs. Coutney and Carol will return Sunday.

The school secretary cheerfully spent New Year's Day at his desk. He states he hasn't forgotten his holiday July 1, 1951, and he is looking forward to his holiday July 1, 1952. He also spends most of his evenings at his desk.

## ATMORE NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. James Bjorgan spent Christmas with James' folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rhein left for Stony Plain to spend Christmas with Mrs. Rhein's folks.

Miss Dorothy Walter was home for the holidays. She left for Red Deer Dec. 19. The June term opened Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Hurtubise, his mother, Mrs. R. Hurtubise, of Grassland, and Mrs. Page had a between-Christmas and New Year chicken dinner at the Lloyd Dakin's. Lionel has a late '51 black Mercury.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Duplessis and Anita spent Christmas Day with George Dakin and family. Mrs. Dakin served a monstrous turkey which, it is hoped, wasn't as tough in death as he was in life. He kept many a water-carrier hugging the pump handle until his blood pressure went down.

Mr. Ronnie Matheson sold his share in the Atmore Hotel to Mr. O. Poulin. He left on an extended trip to the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dakin entertained Ray's father and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hussyneec on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Presher's sister and family are residing at Atmore, employed at the mill here.

There's a new cook at the hotel now. Mr. and Mrs. Mahovich quit working there last week.

Miss Flora Grenier has returned to work for Mrs. L. Dakin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dakin moved into their new house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dakin spent Christmas day at A. Gignas's at Donatville.

## Hospital Report

LAC LA BICHE—In St. Catherine's hospital during the week of December 24 to December 31, 1951, were: Mrs. Wm. Plamondon, Lac la Biche; Edna Makie, Rich Lake; Mrs. Allen Reid, Briereville; John Clark, Atmore; Mrs. Peter Lewiski, Craigend; Elaine Waine, Rich Lake; Rene Jeanotte, Imperial Mills; Mrs. Robert Diessel, Lac la Biche; Elizabeth Koimatycki, Frains; Marie Rose Germain, Breynat; Loretta Evans, Rich Lake; Mrs. Thomas Berghheim, Goose Lake; Baby Theresia Daniels, Kikino; Dorothy Daniels, Kikino; Mrs. Pete Pszysiezy, Egg Lake; Mrs. Daniel Baglot, Lac la Biche; Mrs. John Roskewich, Wandering River; Rev. Father Pat Mercredi, Philomena; Mrs. Philip Nichyporuk, Boyle; Nick Cherkas, Lac la Biche.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Phileas St. Jean of Amesbury on Dec. 22, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beniuk of Craigend on Dec. 22, a son.

In hospital during week of January 1 to 6 were: Robert Dupre, Wandering River; Mrs. Alex Mikalonis, Boyle; Mrs. Mike Kolmatycki, Frains; Mr. Roman Humeny, Boyle; Allan Martin, Imperial Mills; Miss Annie Makar, Lac la Biche; Mr. Robert Dyer, Lac la Biche; Kenneth and Brian Cadieux, Lac la Biche; Baby Rita Jackson, Beaver Lake; Sylvia Koltowsky, Spruce Valley; Baby Diane Lamarre, Lac la Biche; Miss Denise Richard, Normandeau.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McMillan of Lac La Biche on Jan. 1, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alex York, of Goose Lake, on Jan. 2, a daughter.

## United Church News

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The United Church Sunday School recently held a successful Christmas concert and party in the Legion Hall. After an enjoyable program of songs, plays and recitations the boys and girls were greeted by Santa Claus himself, who then proceeded to give out the presents and candy bags.

The program closed with the singing of a few Christmas carols. Rev. D. Greenough was the master of ceremonies, and Mrs. T. B. Lett assisted at the piano. The Sunday School teachers in charge were Mrs. F. Harmon, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mr. H. Lett and Mrs. Tatum.

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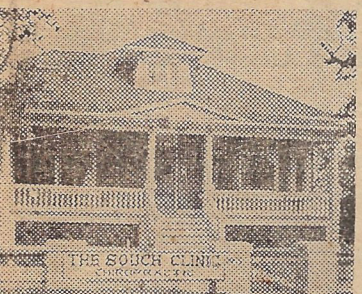
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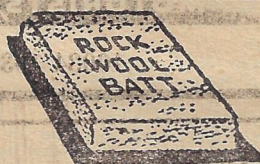
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**Cyanide Guns Turned On Timber Wolves**  
The threat of timber wolves has become serious in the area north of Westlock. Farmers have found it necessary to lock their livestock in the barns during the night and keep a close watch on them during the day.  
Field Crops Commissioner A. W. Wilson said his department has received numerous reports that wolves have killed livestock in the Flatbush area, about 200 miles north of Edmonton. He said cyanide guns of the type being used in the province's coyote control program will be set in the Flatbush region.  
These guns, although designed to kill animals up to 250 pounds only, killed one weighing 450 pounds recently in the Seba Beach area.

**Former Albertan To Run In B.C. Elections**  
W. N. Chant, former MLA for Camrose, has been named prospective leader for the British Columbia Social Credit Party.  
Mr. Chant now resides in Esquimalt, B.C., and he has been nominated by the Vancouver Island constituency. He has also been nominated to contest the Provincial riding of Esquimalt in the next Provincial election.  
Party leaders will meet about Jan. 10 to set a date for the provincial convention at which a leader will be chosen.  
W. A. C. Bennett, who bolted the Coalition Party and joined the ranks of Social Credit, is expected to be a contender for the post.

  
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If she loves me as she says, I don't see any reason why she shouldn't marry me. Will you advise me what to do?  
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**Answer:**  
I can't see any reason for her refusal, either, if she really loves

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you. She is certainly old enough and it would be a much better arrangement for you both than the present set-up. You did not say whether anyone else lived in the house with you or not. If not your housekeeper is likely to be talked about no matter how well she conducts herself.  
Why don't you tell her that you are tired of her stalling and that if she doesn't marry you, you will start looking around for a wife, as you are not getting any younger.

LOUISA.  
Dear Louisa:  
I have been going with a boy several months but I am not sure I love him. In fact, I think I would go back to another boy I was engaged to before I started with this one. We had a silly quarrel but we are both sorry about it now.

I hate to hurt this other boy. I don't know what he will do and I am afraid he might hurt himself if I break up with him. He has threatened to do so.  
What must I do? L. D.

**Answer:**  
If you are sure you love the first boy, there is only one thing for you to do, and that is to tell No. 2 exactly how you feel and that you would be doing him a great deal more harm by marrying him when you cared for someone else than you would by breaking up with him.

A wife who doesn't love her husband with all of her heart is no satisfaction to herself or to him. Neither of them will be happy. And if No. 2 is so emotionally weak that he threatens injury to himself if you break up with him, you will be rid of him. Imagine a husband who brought up suicide every time he was thwarted.

Are you sure you love either one of them enough to marry him? The mere fact that you dilly-dally between the two of them makes me wonder.  
There are so many ups and downs in marriage that the only thing that makes it beautiful is the feeling that life is nothing without this one person.  
LOUISA.

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## PERRYVALE NEWS BRIEFS

A large crowd attended the dance here on Friday, December 21 with Gaby Hass Orchestra in attendance. Gaby will play here again on Friday, Feb. 22.

There was a big turn out for the Christmas dance on Wednesday, December 26 with Sauer's Orchestra. The Community Hall committee wish to thank all those who have supported these events and made them such a success.

Visitors over the holidays included Misses Beatrice, Shirley and Joy Ward; Elsie Lehto, Elenor Smith, all of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehto and baby of Edmonton, Messrs. James Telford, L. Springler, also of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vistieu and Dennis, of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis and family of Lac la Biche, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stewart, of Eatonia, Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Rein and family and Mr. and Mrs. B. Nicoll and family, of Devon, Miss Clare Waffle and Mr. J. Wilson, of Calgary and Mr. B. Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark and family spent a few days with relatives and friends at Galahad. Mrs. E. Wolfer accompanied them as far as Camrose.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Banack and

family spent the holiday season with relatives at Camrose.

The Home and School meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16.

Miss Shirley Johnson presented a Christmas program in the Pentecostal Chapel on Sunday, December 23.

Members of the girls club went out carol singing from house to house on Christmas Eve.

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We wish to express our thanks for the kind services of the Mother Superior doctors, Sisters and all the staff of the Sisters Hospital, Lac la Biche, for their loving care of our dear wife and mother during her last illness.

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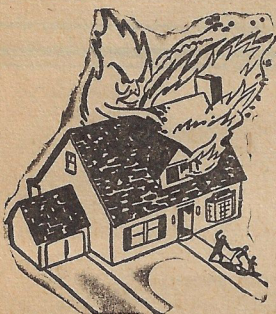
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Broadcast over CJCA, Edmonton, December 2nd, 1951

Hello Athabasca, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Westlock, Cold Lake, Elk Point, Lac la Biche, Ashmont, Clyde, Fort McMurray, Waterways, Chipewyan and all points in between. This is J. M. Dechene, M.P., calling Athabasca from Parliament Hill. In saying hello to you I join in my cordial salutations those listeners from Edmonton and district who do me the honor to listen to my voice on this day.

I am a happy man as I write these lines and I will be most happy to voice them to you in a few days over the air through the medium and courtesy of Station CJCA of Edmonton, Alberta. I am happy because I believe that the present short session of Parliament will undoubtedly have accomplished a great deal for the welfare of the people of Canada and in some instances particularly for the welfare and happiness and prosperity of the people of Western Canada. For these thoughts I will give you reasons, etc.

However, the thought uppermost in my mind at this moment is one of rejoicing over the good news just given to Parliament a few hours ago by the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in whose department also we find the administration and conduct of the Canadian Wheat Board. I know that you have all heard the news to the effect that an average of over 28 cents per bushel for the wheat sold for the crop year 1950-51 will be paid to the wheat growers of the Prairies between now and Christmas. In some cases the payment will amount to over 34 cents per bushel and this applies particularly to the lower grades of wheat rather than to the top grades. Because of the fact that we had so much of that kind of grain in our part of the country, our farmers stand to benefit a great deal and this extra payment will make up somewhat for the very poor crops we unfortunately had in the years 1948 to 1950. Our farmers will have collected some \$1.85 to \$1.88 per bushel for milling grades, a price which we will admit is very satisfactory indeed and one which very few of the opponents of the Government in Western Canada expected that our farmers would receive.

I have in mind a declaration made in public by a Minister of the Crown in an adjoining province to the effect that our farmers would be very fortunate indeed if they received \$1.00 per bushel for their best wheat. Another proof of where political bias and ignorance of conditions may unfortunately lead a public man. This amount of over 130 million dollars, added to the large amount already distributed for the participation in the profits of the sale of coarse grains, oats and barley a few weeks ago, should go a long way to help our farmers meet existing conditions and to make for a most happy Christmas for a great many of them.

A few days ago in addressing this radio audience I was in a position to rejoice with you in the final passing of the Old Age Pensions Bill providing for pensions for all old people of the age of 70 and over no matter what their financial position may be, without any "means" or other test except the proof of age and of citizenship. Do we realize what this means to thousands of homes throughout the land and for the comfort and security of old age as compared to conditions which existed when I was a young fellow, and which I will not go to the length of describing because of the sad conditions that they bring to mind. What a feeling of gratitude towards a generous country and a generous government will these aged people feel in the realization that they are no burden to anyone or a charge to public charity or to some of their relatives who so often were unable financially to meet such a burden through no fault of their own. Some dishonest politicians are making the statement in this and other provinces that this old age pension law I have just mentioned was passed by the provinces; of course this is false.

A few days ago and in a further expression of that feeling of good will and of contentment which I expressed at the beginning of this talk, I listened to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Hon. Hughes Lapointe, a veteran himself of some of the bitterest fighting in Normandy and along the coast of France, Belgium and Holland, the son of a man whose memory will always be revered by the Canadian people and beloved always particularly by the French-Canadians throughout the country, announcing a most generous increase in the basic rate of pensions to the veterans of the two last Great Wars and to their dependents. The increases granted by the Government were in some cases even more generous than had been suggested by the Legion and other veterans' organizations themselves.

I was most amused in looking across the House to some of our friends from Alberta who just a few hours before, in order to enrich their rather meagre political capital in the federal field, had moved a motion of non-confidence in the Government because of its failure to meet the request of the veterans for more generous allowances. This is evidently just another example of some members and some groups playing politics with the most vital issues. I cannot imagine that those who moved the non-confidence resolution on that score were ignorant

of the fact that the Government had decided to take action also in that regard after further study.

I am wondering at times what is the greatest quality and the greatest asset of a public man, whether it is talent, ability, loyalty, devotion to duty, or whether it is just gall, to use a common term. I do not wish to be unfairly critical and I know that these parliamentary reports are supposed to be free from any political animosity, if I may use that term, but as newspapers say "news is news"; if a dog bites a man, it is not news, but if a man bites a dog, it makes the headline. This thought comes to mind when I notice members, some of them from Alberta, who immigrated to this country only a few short years ago, stand up and bitterly criticize men like the Prime Minister of this country and others who can trace their ancestors and loyalty and devotion to this country and to its people for over 300 years. I was astounded at the nerve shown by one in particular in his attempt to lecture some of us as to our duty to Canada and the Canadian people and as to our relations with other parts of the Commonwealth. It was such a spectacle as would make anyone ridiculous and I for one wondered how long more men of this type would continue to receive the support of our people and be re-elected to office.

However, I cannot be too critical and too severe because, as I said at the beginning, I am too happy of the good news, some of which I have just discussed and some of which I have yet to bring to your attention.

A special committee of the House on transportation has been sitting every day and diligently studying the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation and Freight Rates. Although this Committee is not yet ready to report its findings to Parliament and will not do so for some time, after having followed its debates and its discussions with great attention and much interest, I am in a position to say that I believe that the legislation which the Hon. Minister of Transport will submit to Parliament soon will be of the greatest of benefits to the people of Western Canada which for so many years have laboured under the discriminatory rates which were, until now, applied and operating to the benefit of Central Canada. Although, because of conditions which need not be again recited, the cost of operation of our railways has increased to the same extent as it did in all other great enterprises throughout Canada and the recent costly increase in wages and in material makes it imperative, I believe, for them to obtain a higher rate for transportation of freights and of passengers. But the situation which adversely affected Western Canada more than anything else, no matter what rates were being charged, was the discrimination which has existed so far in the freight rate structure of this country. The only remedy to which we could point out was the application of the so-called Crows Nest Pass rates under transport of wheat. I believe that I am safe in stating that a very great sigh of relief will emanate from all Western lungs as it were when the new legislation is brought before Parliament for consideration in the elimination of the unfairness under which Western farmers and businessmen have operated.

No wonder that I am happy and no wonder that I know that when during the next few days we exchange greetings of good wishes for a happy and merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year, there will be real foundation for these wishes and not only hope but actual achievement for betterment of conditions in Western Canada in the years to come.

Just now there is before the House a resolution introduced by the Hon. Minister of Transport providing for an actual beginning for the improvement of the sailing facilities of the St. Lawrence and to bring the ocean traffic tonnage clear up to the West and, as stated in my previous talk, making available immense hydro electric power. This will undoubtedly prove one of the greatest achievements of the age and whether the United States finally make up their mind, and are able to agree upon their attitude in that regard, it is the most consoling and obvious sign for the future of this great Canada of ours that we will, at this stage, be able to say that we are in a position to carry out this tremendous undertaking on our own. Anyone who would have suggested a few years ago that such a vast project bringing the waters of the Atlantic to Fort William and Port Arthur and the incredible electrical power resultant from this operation, could be carried out by a Canadian Government and the Canadian people, without the United States' help and finance, would have been considered a little far too optimistic, if not even a little "cracked"; but it has come to pass and I am proud to be a Member of Parliament in the years when such advancement has taken place and that such almost incredible projects for the general welfare of all classes of our population have been achieved.

No wonder I am happy, and let us together on this Sunday elevate our thoughts to God who has been so generous to Canada and to its people.

This is December, the month of Christmas, and of good wishes. In conveying mine to you on this occasion to address you over this Station this fall, may I repeat with the angels on that first Christmas night, "Peace be with men and women of good will."



Rural Resident  
Be-Moans Half-Day  
Holiday In Town

By HENRY THOMPSON

Every Thursday is a half-holiday in Lac la Biche, no matter how laborlessly the occupants of the various business enterprises occupy their time during an eight-hour period that starts with a late nine o'clock morning. The Thursday noon caller is viewed with impatient intollerance that has no regard for the numerous vexatious causes of road or long distances that all add up to a late arrival in town. Your last few moments of business is handled with dispatch and amazing speed, quite different to the usual easy comradeship of any other day.

The boss and all close shop and go out to pursue their own individual method of expressing a distaste for the irksome necessity of an occupation in the business of living.

An out-of-towner frequently finds this vicious habit, by the way an affliction of townspeople only, somewhat inconvenient. Fortunately, past experience has rendered my feelings immune to the implied or expressed disapproval of my ignorance in these sacred rights—of on the dot closure.

My entrance ten minutes before the deadline gives me an incite to the shadowy angles of human behavior that weeks of study otherwise might not disclose.

Caught again by the town rule that locks all doors except garages, hotel, restaurants and pool rooms, I was seated in the lobby of the hotel planning an attack on the town's citadels when my attention was drawn to the groaning stairway protesting the weight of a big man in an immaculate light grey suit descending to answer the office phone. Despite the noise of a half dozen voices and impoliteness of listening to another's telephone message, the first endearing words and explicit instructions afterward convinced me the man was actually conversing with his wife. This unusual circumstance further concentrated my interest. I rose from my easy chair and identified your publisher, Mr. Pue.

His greeting was cordial and

entirely sincere. I believe he was actually glad to see me. Blank Thursday afternoons does strange things to out-of towners. Many absent husbands spend some time in the beer room. Mr. Pue does not drink or smoke, and I am positive never swears, otherwise I should have heard him, certainly he received plenty of cause at my hands for so doing.

Gathering news is easy, but screening the chaff from kernels of reader value requires persistent and careful work. For instance, just under Mr. Pue's room is the beer parlor where a panorama of human interest stories are recast every day. Some come to a sudden conclusion in a six line story of a road accident and somebody killed.

A little man, inspired by the potent content of a dozen too many is demonstrating to all and sundry defiance, in language that would not be tolerated under any other circumstance. On yet another table a mild argument erupts into a wild struggle. The bouncers go to work, spilling a dozen beers in the process. Peaceful citizens have already paid for, these are never replaced, a demonstration of strong arm management your only recompense. This is Thursday and everything goes according to law and order.

This small portion of life in town is offered in response to Mr. Pue's request for a news story, twice a month, weekly when possible. With my one condition that I choose my own material, of course he has the privilege of refusing publication and you the subscriber of not reading it.

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Mr. Joe Steffin of Redwater was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bozak over the New Years holiday.

Mr. Bill Earvin had the misfortune of tipping his truck with a load of pulpwood. The damages were not too serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Francis have moved to Tweedie, where Mr. Francis is a relieving foreman on the railroad.

Miss Jean Dodds of Kinistino, Saskatchewan, was here visiting friends, previously from Kinistino.

Among those who are back on the job after spending the holidays at the farm homes are: Mr. George Smith from Lloydminster, Sask.; Mr. Lorne Loynes, of Athabasca; Mr. and Mrs. R. Couture, of Owl River; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Almond, Owl River; Mr. R. Yost, Mr. J. Enders and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Fisher, all of Stony Plain; Mr. Mike Danliuk, Athabasca.

Miss Jean Dodds of Kinistino, Saskatchewan, has returned to her home after a visit over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutchinson and Mr. Pat Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Leonard made a trip to Edmonton on Boxing Day to meet Miss Dodds on her arrival there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisher,

Kathy and Robert spent their Christmas holidays at Stony Plain.

A very successful concert was held at the school on December 20. The main highlight of the evening was, of course, Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Pat Leonard and Mr. McGregor left for Edmonton on the 26th.

Miss Anne Hoffman, local school teacher spent her holidays with parents and friends in Camrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Couture and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Almond spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Art Cadieu in Lac la Biche.

The bride wore a floor length gown of white sheer with a long white veil. Miss Mabel Jackson of Goodfish Lake was bridesmaid in a floor length white satin gown. Bernard MacDonald was best man.

A luncheon was served at the bride's home and a dance followed in the Kikino school.

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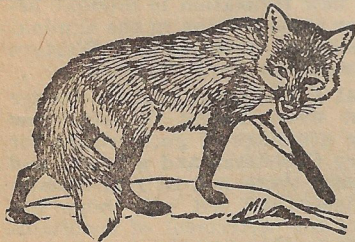
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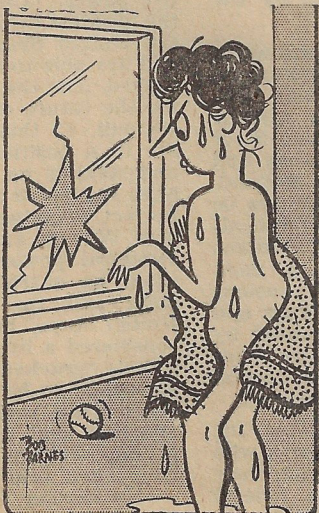
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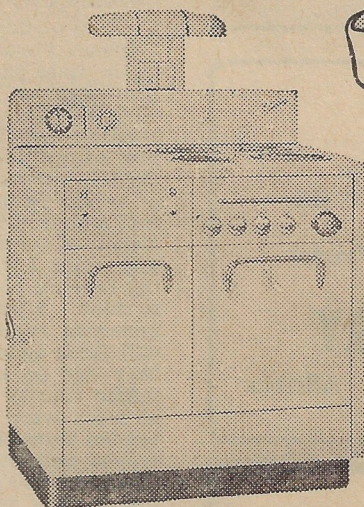
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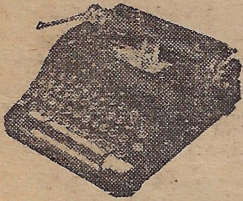
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summer, I kept saying, “Oh, bad  
flies!” “Oh Grandma, they're not  
bad flies! They go to Sunday  
School! I saw them there last  
Sunday!” J.B.W.

Noting signs of an electric  
storm, my husband and small son  
left the lake where they had been  
fishing. Because the lightning  
flashes came nearer and nearer on  
their way home, the child ex-  
claimed, “Oh, Daddy, I wish I had  
joined the church last Sunday  
when I had a chance!” J.B.W.

### Sporting Chance

The church service was pro-  
ceeding very nicely when a  
woman in the gallery got so in-  
terested that she leaned out too  
far and fell over the railing. Her  
dress caught in a chandelier, and  
she was suspended in mid-air. The  
minister noticed her undignified  
position and thundered: “Any  
person in this congregation who  
turns round will be struck stone  
blind.”

A man, whose curiosity was get-  
ting the better of him, but who  
dreaded the clergyman's warning,  
finally turned to his companion  
and said: “I'm going to risk one  
eye.”

### Voice of the Young

A young business man returned  
home tired out from a hard day  
at the office to find his two chil-  
dren rushing madly about the  
house and creating a general dis-  
turbance.

He gave them both a scolding  
and sent them off to bed as soon  
as they had eaten their supper.

The next morning he found this  
note pinned to his bedroom door:  
“Be good to your children, and  
they will be good to you. Yours  
truly, God.”

### Great Exercise

A portly amateur soprano  
wanted a job in a burlesque. She  
went to interview an agent and  
showed him a list of the “num-  
bers” she could sing. The agent  
glanced through it and then looked  
at the girl.

“You've got a pretty good re-  
pertoire, haven't you?” he said.  
“Well,” replied the singer, with  
a slight blush, “it's the singing  
that develops one, you know.”

### Measure of Relief

While visiting in a small town  
which had its full share of  
divorced people, a prominent  
clergyman met a charming young  
lady who introduced him to her  
mother. The mother had recently  
married for the second time, and  
immediately after the introduction  
she said:

“You noticed that my name is  
not the same as my daughter's  
name, but please don't take me  
for a divorcee. Thank goodness,  
my first husband died.”

## Dressed Poultry To Be Handled On Graded Basis

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be compulsory for all dressed and  
eviscerated poultry to be purchased  
and sold on a graded basis in the  
cities of Edmonton, Calgary, Leth-  
bridge, Medicine Hat and Red  
Deer, according to an announce-  
ment made recently by Hon. D.  
A. Ure, provincial minister of  
agriculture.

He said the government has de-  
cided to establish the necessary  
regulations for the sale of poul-  
try on graded basis from pro-  
ducer and consumer groups.

The grading, Mr. Ure stated,  
will be conducted under the super-  
vision of the federal department  
of agriculture. Distinctive tags or  
marks will be used to designate  
the various grades to be estab-  
lished.

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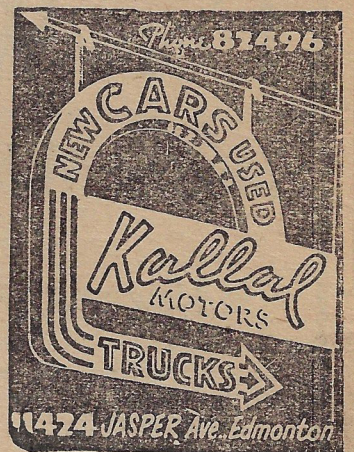
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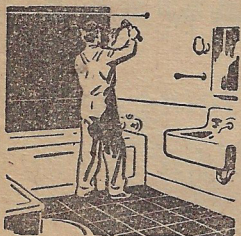
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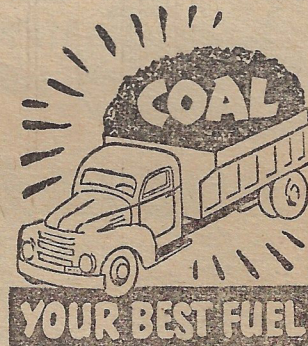
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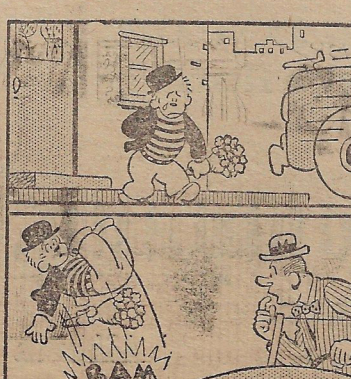
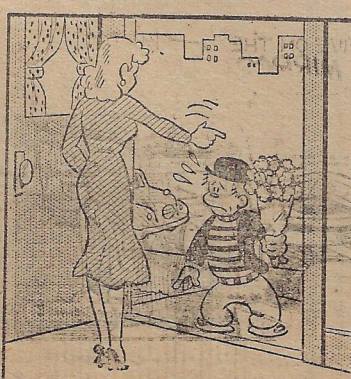
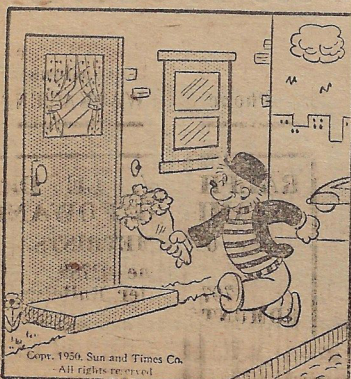
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### 3 Men Sentenced In RCMP Court

Three young men were arrested in Lac la Biche recently for the theft of some mink from a district farm. Two of the men were given two years less one day and the

third was given one year.

The men involved, George Schraufnagle, Donald Meyn and Ivan Glain already serving jail terms for theft, will each receive a two year sentence to be served concurrently. They were recently sentenced by Magistrate Mc-

Culla in R.C.M.P. court.

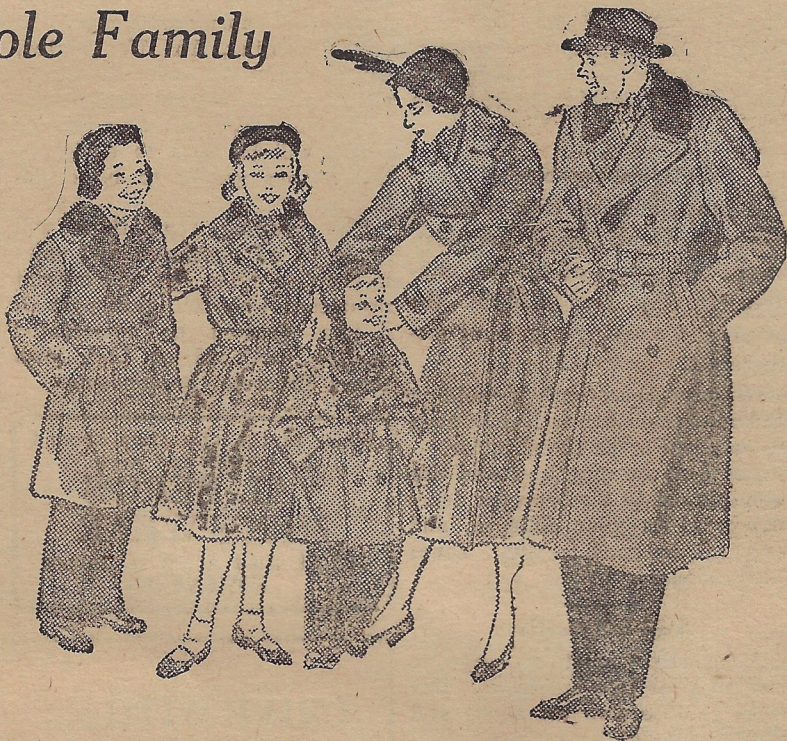
On December 7, the trio entered Universal Motors at Edson, stealing an office safe containing \$120.

Magistrate McCulla recommended that Meyn and Glain, who are both seventeen, be transferred to the Bowden Institute.

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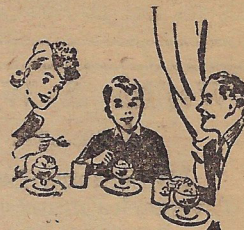
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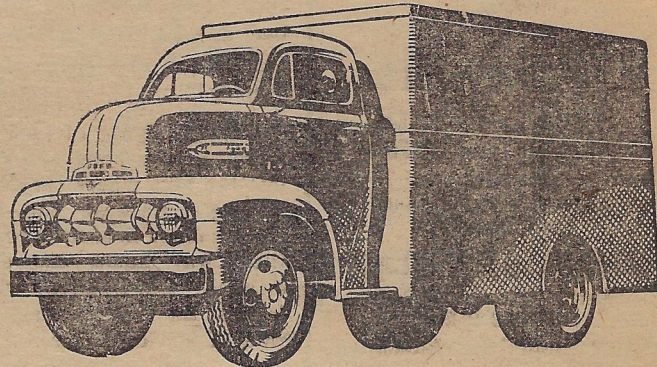
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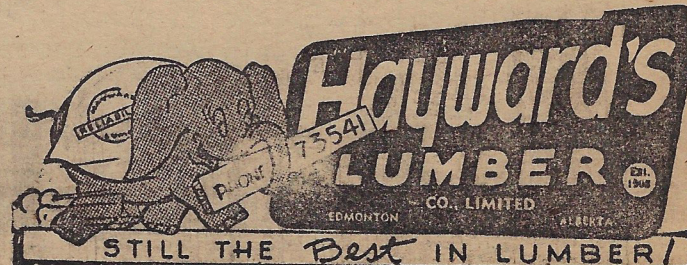
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